

To John Bruce

3 Dec 41

My dear Sir

I have just read
your very kind and
gratifying note which
arrived while I was
at Oxford, whence I have
returned within the
last hour.

It seems to give
you about as much
pleasure to send me
approbations of my "Reasons"

as it does me to re-
ceive them. In the
form in which you
communicate them
they are of course most
acceptable.

I venture to send
you a few concent co-
pies of the said "Reasons"
that you may give
them to whom you
please.

But one opinion
as reached me regard-
ing them and Dr Ban-
dinel & Bliss at Oxford
were quite astonished
at what I proved res-
pecting the defects of

former impressions. ||||

While at Oxford I added some very curious and interesting matters to my previous stock as regards Shakespeare's Poems. I would not have missed them for a great deal. ^{It would be} ~~It is~~ strange how Malone missed one of them, if we did not know what a knack he had of missing even what was as easily to be hit as a haystack.

We are getting ready a new Prospectus or a new edition, rather,

of the Prospectus of the
Shakespeare Society in
p^{ro} making some im-
portant additions. It
will be ready by the
next Council

I was very glad
to hear from W. Anson
that you approve of
the appointment of
W. P. Cunningham as
Treasurer. He will
make a very good &
punctual one. I am

My dear Sir

Yours most sincerely
J. Payne Collier

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